David Patlak

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Education

Boston University School of Medicine; Boston MA

September 2011 - September 2013

M.S. in Biomedical Forensic Sciences

- Coursework in: Forensic Biology, Chemistry, Toxicology, Pathology, DNA analysis, Criminalistics, Criminal Law, and other topics in forensic science
- Completed research thesis: "Evaluation of Wet-Vacuum Technique versus Traditional Methods for Collection of Biological Crime Scene Samples"

University of Vermont; Burlington VT

September 2005 - January 2010

B.A. in Biology; Chemistry/Business Administration Minors

 Relevant coursework: molecular and cell biology, organic chemistry, toxicology, genetics, physiology, statistics

Experience

Forensic Chemist II

May 2015 - Present

Vermont Forensic Laboratory; Waterbury VT

- Perform qualitative and quantitative confirmatory analysis of ethanol in blood and technical review of blood analysis results
- Validate new GC/FID instrumentation

Scientist

August 2013 - May 2015

Burlington Labs, Inc.; Burlington VT

- Performed clinical testing for drugs of abuse using various high-throughput screening and confirmation methods
- Participated in research and development functions to validate and optimize testing methods
- Communicated with clinicians and counselors to interpret and analyze results

Intern

February 2013 - July 2013

Boston Police Department Crime Lab; Boston MA

 Performed analysis and comparison of acid phosphatase and P30 positive/weak positive serology samples

Teaching Assistant

June 2012 - July 2013

BU Division of Graduate Medical Sciences; Boston MA

 Assisted in preparation and instruction of Forensic Biology Lab and Crime Scene Investigation courses

Scientific Research Technician

January 2011 - August 2011

IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.; Westbrook ME

- Maintained various types of cell lines for use in veterinary immunoassay test kits

Bartender

December 2009 - August 2010

Das Bierhaus; Burlington VT

- Served steins of Germany's finest beers

Relevant Training

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE); December 15-16, 2015 Vermont Police Academy; Pittsford VT

The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research, and

Litigation; December 6-11, 2015 Indiana University; Bloomington IN DataMaster DMT Supervisor Training; October 8, 2015 Vermont Forensic Laboratory; Waterbury VT

DUI Enforcement Certification Course, Datamaster DMT Operator Training; June 1-3, 2015 Vermont Police Academy, Pittsford VT

Intoximeters Intox DMT Technical Training; September 21-23, 2015 Dan Dunsworth, Technical Services Supervisor of Intoximeters, Inc.

Measurement Uncertainty: The Basics; September 24-25, 2015 Lecture and workshop taught by Suzanne Bell, PhD of West Virginia University

Ethics and Data Integrity for Environmental Labs; August 26, 2015 Association of Public Health Labs, Online

Publications & Presentations

Your Brain on Drugs: The Pharmacology, Physiology, and Chemistry of Drugs. Guest Lecture for PSY-4010-J01 Biological Psychology. Johnson State College, Johnson VT; October 24, 2015.

Research thesis publication: Garrett, AD; **Patlak, DJ**; Gunn, LE; Brodeur, AN; Grgicak, CM. *Exploring the Potential of a Wet-Vacuum Collection System for DNA Recovery.* Journal of Forensic Identification. 2014; Volume 64, Issue 5: 429-448.

Patlak DJ. Evaluation of Wet Vacuum Collection versus Traditional Methods for Collection of Biological Crime Scene Samples. Presented at NEAFS Annual Meeting Poster Session, Saratoga Springs NY; November 14, 2012.

Awards & Honors

Provost's Scholarship from Boston University School of Medicine, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences – 2011-2013

Graduated Cum Laude; University of Vermont – January 2010

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa honor society; Alpha of Vermont – 2008

Dean's List Member; University of Vermont - September 2005-2009